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**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 1, please insert the following:

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/097,098, filed March 12, 2002, entitled "System for Inline Stripping of Soil Contaminants".

Please amend the specification at page 13, beginning at line 25 as follows:

Still higher levels of contaminant removal may be achieved by employing a plurality of inline strippers and collectors/separators and passing the extract through the strippers and separators in series. An exemplary system is seen in Fig. 5 wherein the extract from the first stripper 30 and separator 52 is passed by conduit 56 to a second stripper 130 which operates in a like manner as stripper 30. The second stripper flows into a second separator 152 having a second vapor conduit 154 and a second extract conduit 156. Conduit 156, in turn flows into the third inline stripper 230 and subsequently third separator 252 having a third vapor conduit 254 and a third extract conduit 356. Again, inline stripper 230 and separator 252 are constructed and function in a manner substantially like first stripper 30 and separator 52. Of course, a greater or lesser number of strippers and separators may be employed depending on operational requirements.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

Please approve and enter the proposed amendment to drawing Fig. 1 accompanying this response. The proposed amendment adds a new reference number 50 to the drawing.